

# Nathaniel W. Zimmer

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## DEDICATED TEAM MEMBER AND INNOVATIVE PROBLEM SOLVER

Energetic, productive, creative and results driven with experience in project coordination and design - providing comprehensive solutions and streamlining complex messaging. A background in positive outcomes and strategic research at noteworthy public sector organizations with a demonstrated aptitude in pro-active team management and sound analysis. Specialties include demonstrated abilities in:

- Program management
- Programmatic forecasting
- Efficiency improvement
- Business analysis
- Quantitative analysis
- Strong policy background
- Strategic planning
- Collaborative creativity
- Team facilitation

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief of Staff – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
State of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan

August 2017 - Current

- Serve as member of the Executive Leadership Team.
  - Track and coordinate the prioritization of department action items.
  - Assign duties to division directors while working with external stakeholders on project messaging.
- Manage Environmental Council of States announcements and assignments.
  - Brief council members on issues of importance to the State of Michigan.
  - Report Council findings back to executive leadership.
- Serve as Program Manager for Michigan's PFAS Action Response Team – a multi-agency effort to address contaminated drinking water communities around the state.
  - Work with assigned team leads to identify and treat new sites, coordinate with communications staff to assure up to date information is released to the public, and advise DEQ Executive Office on emerging issues.
- Develop briefing papers, talking points, and presentation materials for the Director on priority executive issues.

Corporate Projects Analyst – Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
State of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan

July 2016 – August 2017

- Perform corporate research projects such as: background on various tax incentive programs, comparative analysis on mixed use projects, and legislative analysis of broadband access in rural areas
  - Provide briefings to senior leadership on tax incentive programs and their impacts to MEDC
- Perform Supply Chain Analysis for the Pure Michigan Business Connect (PMBC)
  - Identified target industries for attraction/retention efforts in the automotive industry
  - Provided a presentation to PMBC leadership as well as action steps going forward
- Attend American Center for Mobility board meetings on behalf of the Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder
- Serve as the Department of Talent and Economic Development program manager to the Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder in support of the Flint Water Crisis and Recovery
  - Coordinate and maintain Flint Action Tracker (state accountability monitor) items
  - Brief Governor Snyder's Senior Advisors on Economic Development programs in Flint
- Maintain and publish monthly MEDC and TED Scorecards for executive review
  - Provide updates to senior MEDC staff on various dashboards such as business development, community revitalization programs, and leading economic indicators

Research Assistant – University of Michigan  
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor, Michigan

April 2014 – April 2016

- Researched special projects under the instruction of Liz Gerber, Assoc. Dean for Research and Policy at the Ford School, and Stephanie Comai, Director of the Michigan Talent Investment Agency (TIA)
  - Acted as TIA's liaison for the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy's applied policy seminar

- Conducted research regarding technical college credentialing and the manufacturing skills gap in Michigan's workforce development landscape
- Presented research findings to TIA leadership and Ford School professors in order to improve workforce development policy in the future

Staff Assistant – Congressman Dave Camp MI-04

Jan. 2013 — April 2014

Congressional Office, Washington, District of Columbia

- Researched special projects under the direction of the Legislative Director – specifically, Comprehensive Tax and Healthcare Reform
  - Developed weekly policy briefings for the Congressman conducted by senior legislative staffers
- Responded to immediate requirements, including policy updates and fundraising initiatives while serving as the Congressman's personal driver
- Worked as a Field Representative for the 2012 campaign – representing the staff at district functions.
- Assisted in reelection efforts for multiple U.S. Congressional campaigns – specifically, Congressman Charles Boustany in Lafayette, Louisiana and Congressman Dan Benishek in Traverse City, Michigan
  - Resulting in wins for all three congressional races

Student Intern – Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder

Aug. – Dec. 2011

Office of Strategic Policy, Lansing, Michigan

- Selected to serve as an intern in the Governor's Strategy Office.
- Assisted with Governor Snyder's Special Message regarding education policy – providing research on EB-5 waiver retention and reinforcing senior strategy staff efforts with data analysis
  - Developed and tracked metrics in Governor Snyder's Education Dashboard (accountability tool for state regulatory measures in higher education)

## EDUCATION

### University of Michigan

Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, M.P.P.  
Economic Development, April 2016

### Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

College of James Madison, B.S.  
International Relations, May 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

Chandra, Siddharth, Samuel Peters, and Nathaniel Zimmer. 2013. "How powdered cocaine flows across the USA: Evidence from open-source price data." Journal of Drug Issues, in press.

- This publication aimed to inform policy making decision makers at federal, state, and local governments - creating more efficient resource management and mitigating cocaine trafficking
- Cited in Wired Magazine, Scienceworldreport, ibitimes, and MSU Today

## RELATED EXPERIENCES

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